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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

No. 47

## **Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer**

March 31, 2005

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to the Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 47, as amended, La Suer. Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway. This measure would designate State Highway *Route* 78, between Third Street and State Highway—76 67, the Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- WHEREAS, Army Specialist Ramon Ojeda was killed in action in Baghdad, Iraq on May 1, 2004, at the age of 22, when
- 3 his convoy was attacked by terrorists; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ramon attended school in Ramona, California,
- 5 and is survived by his wife, Lesliee, who is serving in the United
- 6 States Army in Iraq, and by his 14-month-old son, Angel; and
- WHEREAS, Ramon's father, Jack Ojeda, a Vietnam veteran,
- 8 met his mother, Maria, while serving in the United States Army;
- 9 and

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WHEREAS, Ramon wrestled at Ramona High School and had a "can do" spirit, and a remarkable ability to disarm and cheer up others with his levity; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Ojeda joined the United States Army and was assigned to Army the Army's 25th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Ojeda was the first Ramona resident killed in action in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Ramon traveled State Highway 78 every day to school in Ramona, his family members and friends travel State Highway 78 every day to work, and his parents and family still live in the rural area east of Ramona; and

WHEREAS, *State* Highway 78 should be renamed in Ramon's honor and in honor of all of the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, that the Legislature hereby designates State Highway Route 78, between Third Street and State Highway—76 67, the "Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway;" and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.